OLD ENGLAND:

OR,

The NATIONAL GAZETTE.

By JONATHAN FREE, *of the Duchy of* Cornwall, *Esq*;

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To JONATHAN FREE, *Esq*;

SIR,

READ your laſt Paper concerning *Witchcraft* with a due, and I think not ſevere, Attention. The Properties of *Wit* were (however unreaſonable) naturally drawn: But your Management of *Witchcraft* was (in my Opinion) neither natural nor reaſonable. You make the latter ſhew her Affinity to, if not even Exiſtence in, *Prieſtcraft*, which, ſuppoſing true, is not at all ſuited to the Nature and Ingenuity of *Witchcraft* to declare. She would on the contrary carefully conceal her Abode, ſince her hidden Virtues could never operate into Light, were the Skreen of Ignorance ſhe lurks behind once removed, and the Beam of Knowlege ſuffered to betray her gloomy Dwelling. And can it be ſuppoſed, ſhe would herſelf remove this Skreen,—— that ſhe would by her own means become expoſed to vulgar Detection and vulgar Contempt? ——

But a cloſer Inſpection evidently points out the Cauſe of this Impropriety. You could not otherwiſe have gratify'd your Spleen againſt *Prieſtcraft*; and I with this *Prieſtcraft* may be the ſole Object of it. I am very apt to ſuſpect the ſame impious Spleen extended even to *Prieſthood* itſelf; that

——*more was meant than met the Ear*;

and that a few ſly Sarcaſms on that truly Reverend Order is not indiſcoverable in that Paper. You know beſt the Foundation of this Suſpicion: If it is well-founded (which will ſoon appear by your Behaviour on this Occaſion) I ſhall be at no Loſs to diſtinguiſh the Claſs of Schiſm you belong to, —— I ſhall be certain nothing but *a libertine Deiſt* could treat *the ſacred-miſſion'd Chriſtians* with ſuch licentious Levity: But if the Suſpicion be ill-founded, it is expected you'll do yourſelf Juſtice, either in the Courſe of your Lucubrations, or in your immediate Inſertion of, and Anſwer to, this.

I ſhall take no Notice of the latter Part of your libellous Paper, nor of your undutiful Application of *Witchcraft*, by which you pretend to explain the unfathomable Policy of miniſterial Actions:— I ſhall only recommend to your Obſervation what, if put in Practice, may enſure you a whole Skin to ſleep in. There was a Man in the Times of the *Roman* Degeneracy, than whom none felt the Rod of wanton Tyranny more ſeverely. This Man (whoſe Name is *Seneca*) ſays, *Nemo potentes aggredi ausus poteſt*, None can ſafely oppoſe the Mighty. If you are of a different Opinion, or you can think ſo great a Philoſopher can ſay a vain Thing, pray go on with your Preſumption, and it will give me ſome Pleaſure to ſee that puniſhed, and the Precept verified. And obſerving

Res eſt conſiliis ſecura fidelibus uti,

I take my Leave of you.

GUL. JEALOUS.

Hertford, May 24.

P.S. News is juſt brought from *Tring*, that they hear the Ghoſts of *Glanville* and *More* have appear'd to you, threatening Vengeance on you for your Infidelity, and the Liberties you have taken with their Works: That they haunt you Day and Night 'till you recant your diabolical Remarks on *Prieſtcraft*: And that if you don't ſoon comply with their Demands in your own Shape, 'tis ſaid, they have Power, confirmed by both the Great Seals, (thoſe of the lower and upper Regions) to turn you into an *Owl*, in which Metamorphoſis you are firſt to howl out the Praiſes of *Ch—h-craft*, and then, in *Trotpladcian* Ululations, the *coalizing* Wonders of *S—e-no-craft*.

WE ſhall examine Mr. *Jealous*'s Letter, *ab ovo uſque ad mala*, from the Beginning to the End; ſaving that his Criticiſm, for Reaſons the Reader ſees himſelf not much concerned in, will be paſſed in Silence.

The Imputation of being ſuſpected *to ridicule* the *Chriſtian Prieſthood*, and again, the Compliment made us of *libertine Deiſm*, are Queſtions of a Nature by no means to be left ſo. —— Were the Charge exhibited of leſs Import, and Mirth more prevalent in us than on this Occaſion it can be, we ſhould begin anſwering Mr. *Jealous*'s Doubts by raiſing others: Our Speculations would be employ'd on the Profeſſion of our Queriſt, and in diſcovering whether *the galled Horſe might not wince*. But when a Man's Veneration for the *worthy Miniſters* of an only eſtabliſhed Religion, nay, when his very Belief of that only Religion, are brought into Diſpute, the more ſerious his Anſwer the better ſuited would be ſuch a Charge.

Mr. *Jealous* no doubt has read the *Four Evangeliſts*, is perfectly acquainted with the divine Precepts repeatedly inculcated there, and well knows, that *Judge not leſt ye be judged* is not the leaſt remarkable of thoſe Precepts. For our Part, admoniſhed by this inſtructive Leſſon, we ſhall not take upon us to arraign the Underſtanding or Candor of any of our good Readers. If they miſtake us, whether thro' Obſcurity on our Side or any caſual Heedleſsneſs on their own, we ſhall be glad of an early Explanation; and our Thanks are offered Mr. *Jealous* (however unjuſt we may think his Suſpicions) for giving us this Opportunity in the preſent Caſe.

Should any impatient Reader think us already profuſely ceremonious at the Threſhold of our Defence, and ſatirically reſemble a long Preface to a large Head, which the good Midwives tell us certainly denotes little Wit, we can only ſay, the Abundance of our Imagination, and the Amplitude of the Subject could furniſh us with a Work proportionable. Though a common Genius might acquit himſelf of this Charge in a few Lines, and hurry to another Subject, or *ſans Ceremony* leave a kind Reader in the Lurch for want of ſomething to do; yet ſhall we, to ſhew the Beauty of *Periphraſe*, to fill up the Time of our good Friend, and to diſplay our own wonderful Talent, take a refreſhing Circuit before we enter on our arduous Labour: Not ſuch a Circuit, as when

—*ductile Dulneſs new Meanders takes*,

nor ſuch a one as the learned in the Law, nor yet ſuch a one as thoſe doom'd by the Law, take; but that Circuit, diſtinguiſhed by the vulgar Villain, "The furtheſt Way about, is the neareſt Way home."

But again; ſhould any one whiſper in our Ears, "Delicate is the Management of Wit: quit an Air too fine for your Reſpiration, a Province too replete with Luxuriance for your Conſtitution:" I ſay, if any thing but our own Grace, our own good Genius, could whiſper a Truth ſo unwelcome, we ſhould certainly prefer Death there rather than back a ſingle Inch, were it only to ſhow our Fondneſs of our own Ways, and to gratify, tho' on ourſelf, our laudable Revenge.

Once more; ſhould my good-natured Reader's Temper be ſufficiently tried, as we have not a little Reaſon to believe it muſt be;—ſhould we, in Expiation, receive the conſcious Check, and acknowlege Frailty;—ſhould theſe be done, will any After-Indulgence be withheld? This granted, or perhaps taken, end we our trifling Ambage to diſpatch our more earneſt Buſineſs.

Let's then be believed, in Anſwer to the firſt Part of our Charge, that we always did and we hope always ſhall revere the eſtabliſhed *Prieſthood*; that we never did by Thought, Word or Deed attempt the *Ridicule* imputed to us; and laſtly, that we ſhould eſteem that Man an Enemy to his King and Country, who ſhould expreſs any unbecoming Sneers on the *worthy and ingenuous Clergy*, that are

——*true Preachers of the Word,*
And only Stewards of their Sovereign Lord.

The ſecond Part of this Charge, concerning *Deiſm*, is anſwered in our Plea to the firſt: Tho' we ſhall obſerve, there are other Schiſmatics beſides the *Deiſt*, not to mention Mr. *Wh——d*, &c. who take a large Latitude of Freedom in cenſuring the the Clergy in general, whether epiſcopal or ſervient.

But, tho' ſuch is our Regard for the *Prieſthood*, we ſhall by no means palliate our Averſion to the *Prieſt-craft*. If our Satire has been auſpicious to our Purpoſe, it hath been baleful to this holy Hypocriſy, which

——*makes a Merchandize of Heaven*,

which

——*ſells, even to it's Prayers and Bleſſings,*
And forces us to pay for our own Cozʼnage:
Nay, cheats Heavʼn too with Entrails and with Offalls,
Gives it the Garbage of a Sacrifice,
And keeps the beſt for private Luxury.

After this Diſtinction between the clerical Office and clerical Trade, further Definition would be vain Parade. No one will be at a Loſs to ſeparate the Ideas they give, to affix to each it's proper Attribute, the warmeſt Reverence to the one and to the other all poſſible Contempt.

What we muſt confeſs has not a little encreaſed our Diſguſt of the diſſolute or, which is all one, the indolent Clergy, is the prevailing Ignorance evident among the lower ſort of Mankind: Were the Duty of ſuch Prieſts leſs diſpenſible, leſs delegated, and confined to narrower Bounds than the preſent Mode of Plurality admits, we might hope to find ſounder Morals, more enlightened Underſtandings, and gentler Diſpoſitions in the common People, than to ſee them running to the Maſſacre of their Fellow-Creatures, (already too unhappy in old Age and long Infirmity) on a Suppoſition not only diſgraceful to our Countrymen in this latter, but even to Humanity itſelf in a much earlier, Age.

Leave we this diſagreeable Subject to future Animadverſion, while we attend the preſent Purpoſe, and juſt take our laſt View of Mr. *Jealous*, who I think next adviſes us to ſleep in a whole Skin; for which we thank him: Not that we think ourſelf leſs obliged to hazard the breaking it, (for ſuch will ſtill be the *Free* Principle) ſhould our Country require it of us. And, foraſmuch as we ſee at this Time, we don't think ſuch Requiſition very diſtant. As to the ſtrange *Poſtſcript*, we ſhall only obſerve that he muſt indeed be an *Owl*, or ſomething very like ſuch a ſtupid Bird, who could equal the ſtupid Offices there aſſigned him;—who could be ſo ſupremely dull, to celebrate ſuch *Prieſtcraft* or praiſe ſuch a M***y!

LONDON.

Wednesday his Majesty went to the House of Peers in his State Coach, attended by the Earl Waldegrave and Lord Catheart, and being seated on the Throne, and Sir Harry Bellendine, Usher of the Black Rod, having by Order of his Majesty commanded the Commons Attendance, his Majesty gave the Royal Assent to the following Bills, viz.

A Bill for providing for the Administration of the Government in Case it should descend to any of the Children of his late Royal Highness the Prince of Wales under the Age of Eighteen, and appointing a Guardianship for the Care of their Persons.

A Bill for regulating of Trials by Juries.

A Bill for reducing the Interest upon the Capital Stock of the South Sea Company, for the Times and Terms therein mentioned, and providing against Frauds in the Officers and Servants of that Company.

A Bill for the Relief of the Annuitants of the Mercers Company.

A Bill to indemnify Justices of the Peace and Constables in the due Execution of their Office, and preventing any vexatious and letigious Law Suits.

A Bill for the more easy Recovery of small Debts in the City of Lincoln, and the County of that Name.

A Bill for correcting the Style, and regulating the Calender now in Use.

A Bill for paving, enlightening, and adorning Golden Square.

A Bill for the Preservation of the Game in Scotland.

A Bill for enlightening and better watching the open Streets in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green.

A Bill for encouraging the Hempen and Linnen Manufactures in the Kingdom of Scotland.

A Bill for the better regulating the River Avon, running thro' the Counties of Warwick, Worcester, and Glouceſter, and settling the Rates of Water Carriage.

A Bill for vesting a certain Term of Years in Michael Menzies, Esq; and his Heirs, &c. the sole Property of a Machine, by him invented, for conveying Coals from whence they are dug to the Keels, &c.

A Bill for the Building a Bridge over the River Ribble, near Preston, in the County of Lancaster.

A Bill for rebuilding Islington Church.

A Bill for vesting the Effects left by Will by John Mitchel, Esq; for the Advantages of Queen's College, Oxford.

A Bill for the Naturalization of Count Stephen Laurentius Neale.

The Wendover, York, Durham, Lancaster and Manchester Road Bills; and to seventeen private Bills.

His Majesty was 36 Minutes in the House, being the longest Time for some Years.

Yesterday both Houses adjourned 'till Thursday next on account of the Holidays.

Yesterday being the Birth Day of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who enter'd into the 14th Year of his Age, his Majesty received the Compliments of the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, &c. at his Palace at Kensington. As did also his Royal Highness at Leicester House.

It is said that Prince Edward will soon be created Duke of Glouceſter.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. the Earl of Albemarle, First Lord of his Bedchamber, to be Groom of the Stole, in the room of the Earl of Pembroke, deceased; and the Right Hon. Francis Seymour Conway, Earl of Hertford, to be a Lord of the Bedchamber.

Last Sunday Night his Excellency Baron Rosincrantz, the Danish Ambassador, arrived at the House late Baron Solenthall's in Cleveland Row, from Denmark.

And on Monday he waited on his Majesty at Kensington to deliver his Credentials.

The new Lottery Tickets are now ready to be delivered at the Bank to the Possessors of the Receipts.

On Monday last the Right Hon. the Marquis of Rockingham came to Age, on which Day he entertained, at Wentworth House, in Yorkshire, upwards of 5000 People, and the Day after 2000 more. The Entertainment consisted of 110 Dishes of Roast Beef, 70 Pies, 53 Dishes of Mutton, 48 Hams, 55 Dishes of Lamb, 70 Dishes of Veal, 40 Dishes of Chickens, 104 Dishes of Fish: And the Liquors drank on the Occasion were 13 Hogsheads of Ale, 20 Hogsheads of strong Beer, 8 Hogsheads of Punch, and 4 Hogsheads of Wine. There were besides 8 Hogsheads of strong Beer drank the Day following, and 40 Load of Wheat baked into Bread and Pies. After they had dined, the Victuals was carried out into Booths for the Populace, who had strong Beer and Ale as much as they pleased. The whole was conducted with as great Regularity as could be expected, where there was so great a Concourse of People.

We hear Admiral Knowles goes soon Governor of Jamaica, in the room of Edward Trelawny, Esq;

Wednesday was held a General Court of the Governors of Bethlehem Hospital, for the Election of a Resident Apothecary, when there appeared for Mr. Winder 86, Mr. Payne 70; upon which the former was declared duly elected.

We hear the College of Physicians propose to alter their Statute which relates to the Privelege of becoming a Fellow of that Society, in such Manner as to allow the Right of offering for such Fellowships solely to the Graduates of Cambridge and Oxford. This, it is apprehended, was done in order to obviate some Claims which it had been suggested might possibly be made to the Prejudice of our own Universities.

Last Week Thomas Bromwich, Esq; of Inning in Suffolk, presented the Rev. Mr. Hunt, who had been several Years Curate of the Parish, and had behaved to the general Satisfaction of the Parishoners, to that Living, worth 230 l. a Year, of which he only received 30 l. a Year for his Care, notwithstanding he had a Wife and three Children; a laudable Example, and worthy the Imitation of all Patrons of Livings.

The Lady Butteel, who died lately at Hampton Court, hath left the following charitable Legacies, viz.

To the Society for promoting Christian Knowlege, 100 l.

To the Society for propogating the Gospel in Foreign Parts 50 l.

For the support of the Welch School on Clerkenwell Green, 25 l.

To ten poor House Keepers in the Parish where she died 10 Guineas.

And to each of Servants that had lived with her one Year 10 l.

Yesterday se'nnight died at her House in Hatton Garden, Mrs. Davenall, Wife of Mr. Edward Davenall, an eminent Malt Distiller at Hockley in the Hole. She was Daughter of Samuel Hawkins, Esq; of Red Lion Street, Clerkenwell, who was last Year nominated by the then Lord Mayor, Sheriff for London and Middlesex for this present Year. She had the Misfortune about three Weeks ago to have a Candle catch hold of her Ruffles, the Flame of which instantly communicated itself to the rest of her Apparel, and burnt her to a violent Degree, before any Body could come to her Assistance, that it occasioned her Death.

Wednesday a Man who went to see a Person in Newgate was stabbed under the left Breast by one of the Prisoners, being known, as was said, to be a Thief-taker.

On Saturday Evening a Gentleman who went that Afternoon to Epsom Races, took it in his Head to try what Time he could return to Town in, which he performed in 50 Minutes; but paid dear for his Experiment, his Horse dropping dead under him at the Foot of Westminster Bridge.

Tuesday Morning early a Fray happened in the Old Paved Alley near the Smyrna Coffee House, Pall-Mall, between some Irish Chairmen, and some of the Foot Guards on Duty at St. James's, when a Soldier in the Second Regiment had his Heels kicked up by one of the Chairmen, which pitched him on his Head and fractured his Skull, so that he died soon after.

We hear a Cause was last Saturday determined in the Court of Exchequer, wherein a poor Sailor was Plaintiff, concerning a Bill of Sale of the Plaintiff's Share in the rich Prizes at Kinsale in Ireland, and afterwards confirmed by some other Writing made here; both were set aside and the Purchases decreed to be allowed no more than the real Money advanced, with Interest, and to pay the Sailor his Costs. And we also hear, there is an Application for an Act of Parliament, to enforce these Decrees against such Purchasers as live in Ireland.

On Saturday last a certain Person well known about the Parish of St. James's, Westminster, was brought to the Bar of the King's Bench in Westminster Hall, on an Indictment against him, for sending Challenges to two Members of Parliament, for exposing him to a certain Lady of Quality, to whom he had the Presumption to pay his Addresses; to which he pleaded Guilty, and was by the Court committed to the Prison of the said Court. This Man, it is said, was a Brewer's Servant in Dublin, and there inlisted himself into a Regiment on that Establishment, out of which he was drummed for some Crimes he had Committed. He for some time made a very extraordinary Figure here, going to all Places where People of Distinction resort; and about two Months since published a remarkable Proof of his Gentility in one of the public Papers, calculated, without doubt, the more easily to impose on some Fair one; but his Schemes it is imagined, will now be marred or put a stop to for some considerable Time.

Monday being the last Day of Term, eight of the Staffordshire Rioters were brought to Westminster Hall, and a Motion made for their being discharged, but were remanded back to the King's Bench till next Term.

Tuesday Morning a young Man well mounted, was pursued and taken near Chinkford in Essex, having just before robbed two Gentlemen in a Chaise on the Forest.

Wednesday the noted Thomas Talbot, otherwise Crawford, was committed to the Gatehouse by Thomas Lediard, Esq; upon the Oath of an Accomplice, for being concerned with him and several others in divers Street Robberies. This is the 6th Person, committed within a few Days by the said Gentleman, of a very desperate Gang, some of them being but lately discharged out of Newgate, where they were committed for rescuing a Fellow out of the Gatehouse, who robbed General Sinclair. This Talbot was committed about a Year ago, by the Gentleman, for returning home from Transportation, and received sentence of Death, which was changed into that of Transportation for Life; but the Ship on board of which he was sent being cast away on the English Coast he swam ashore, and was accordingly transported a 2d Time; since which he returned again, and has robbed ever since in the above Gang.

Tuesday was committed to Newgate by Henry Fielding, Esq; Joseph Read, Jeremiah Mark and Joseph Limbrey, for feloniously taking and carrying away a Bank Note of the Value of 50 l. the Property of Mr. Taylor, Goldsmith in the Strand.

The same Day was also committed to the same Place one Michael Levy a Jew, for enticing into his own Room Thomas Lambourn, a Boy of about 12 Years of Age, for Sodomitical Practices. This Villain is also detained for the same Crime on the Confession of Samuel Tidmarsh, another Boy of the same Age.

Last Week the following Cheat was practised upon a Maid Servant of Mr. Hunter's, an eminent Linnen Draper in Leaden-hall-street, at his Country House at Edmonton; a Woman came to the Door to offer Matches to sale, and in converse with the Maid told her she was born to good Fortune, which she could plainly perceive by the Lines in her Face and Hands; at the same time acquainting her that if she would lay six, eight or twelve large Silver Spoons, the more the better, wrapped in a Linen Cloth, at such a Corner of the Cellar, and say a few Words over them which she would teach her, she might be certain of finding a large Bag of Money next Morning, which the Credulous Maid believing fetched eight Table-spoons, three Tea-spoons, and a Pepper Box, and followed the Fortune Teller's Direction punctually; but the old Bite found means to convey the Parcel away and place another in its room; and the next Morning the poor Wench going to look for the Bag of Money, found herself disappointed of her Riches, and Pewter Spoons instead of Silver.

Monday William Clark, alias Plunder, a Smuggler was brought to Newgate from Norwich, guarded by a Party of Dragoons, and is confined in the Press Yard, strongly fettered.——This is the Person who contrived the curious Plank, over which, he and —— Solomon, alias Blind Hunt, who has since been re-taken and transported, made their Escape from the said Jail some Time since.

Thursday began the Sessions at the Old Bailey, 16 Prisoners were tried, one of whom was capitally convicted, viz.

Joseph Peocock, for robbing Mr. John Coulton in the Fleet-market, of a Gold Watch, and his Hat.

Tuesday Commodore Rodney, in the Rainbow, and the Britannia Sloop of War, sailed by order of the Lords of the Admiralty from Long Reach, and to proceed to Sea forthwith for Newfoundland, in Quest of the new Island.

Thursday Capt. Cosby of the Centaur, Capt. Lloyd of the Sphinx, and Capt. Parker of the Vulture Sloop, received Orders to sail that Day out of the River, to join the Gosport at Portsmouth, Capt. Pye, Commodore, who are to join the Torrington at Plymouth, all for Nova Scotia, to support

the Inhabitants of that Colony againſt the Inſurrections of the Indians. The Goſport and Torrinton have upwards of 200 Perſons on board for that Place.

Tueſday the great Match at Cricket between Kent and all England, was decided in the Artillery Ground, when the former loſt by nine Notches.

We hear from Paris, that there is not only a Squadron equipping at Thoulon, but that ſome Troops are in Motion in the Southern Provinces of France, whence it is apprehended that a new Embarkation will ſpeedily be made for Corſica.

The Wine Merchants at Amſterdam deſire to be excuſed from giving in the Particulars of their Stock upon Oath, and Accounting in the ſame Manner for what they ſell, ſo that it is generally believed the Scheme for levying the public Revenue on that Plan will prove abortive.

Mr. Keith perceiving by the News-Papers, it has been artfully inſinuated, that his Chapel in May-Fair is removed lower down, this is to ſatisfy the Public, that the Chapel ſet up in the Sun Tavern One Pair of Stairs, is not Mr. Keith's; but Mr. Keith's Chapel continues where it was before, namely, within Ten Yards of the Great Chapel, where the Marriages are performed by a regular Clergyman for a Guinea as uſual, with a Licence on a Five Shilling Stamp, and Certificate.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Newcaſtle, May 18. A current Report prevails here that the Scots are not to be allowed to carry their Tobacco to England in the ſame Manner as formerly, nor as the People in England may do from one Part of that Kingdom to another; but that a Line or Chain is to be drawn from Solway Firth to Newcaſtle, like the old Roman Wall, which is to be their utmoſt Limits.

Glouceſter, May 20. Laſt Saturday Evening, as Farmer Roberts, of Eldersfield, in Worceſterſhire, with ſome others, was returning Home on Horſeback from our Market, upon leaving the Turnpike at Over, they ſet out full ſpeed for a Wager agreed upon by them, and being come pretty near Maiſemore Bridge, they were ſeen by a Boy thereon, who, to avoid any Misfortune that might happen to himſelf, entered one of the Nooks; but at whom Farmer Roberts's Horſe was ſo frighted, that he leap'd very violently againſt the oppoſite Side, whereby the Farmer was unhappily thrown over his Head; and tho' he had the Preſence of Mind to hold the Bridle in his Hands, yet, before any Aſſiſtance could be given him, the Bridle ſlipped off the Horſe's Head, and he fell into the River and was drowned. He has left behind him a Wife and four Children.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, May 14. The following is his Majeſty's moſt gracious Letter to the general Aſſembly, now ſitting.

GEORGE R.

Right Reverend and Well-beloved, we greet you well. The Zeal with which you have, upon all Occaſions, ſo ſteadily exerted yourſelves, as well in ſupport of the Proteſtant ſucceſſion, as in the Advancement of true Religion and Piety, and the Affection which you have ſo conſtantly expreſſed for our Perſon and Government, induce us moſt readily to countenance this your Meeting with our Royal Approbation and Authority. As we have the firmeſt Dependence upon your employing your utmoſt Endeavours for the inculcating and encouraging of Virtue in the beſt and moſt effectual Manner, ſo you may be aſſured of our Reſolution to preſerve and protect the Rights and Privileges of the Church of Scotland, as by Law eſtabliſhed.

The repeated Inſtances we have received of the Loyalty, Prudence, Fidelity and good Conduct of our Right Truſty, and entirely beloved Couſin Alexander Earl of Leven, and of his Capacity and Abilities for the diſcharging of ſo important a Truſt, have engaged us to fix on him to repreſent our Perſon again upon this Occaſion; and we doubt not, from the Experience you have had of his Attachment to us and our Government, and of his Zeal for the Church of Scotland, but that this our Choice will be very acceptable to you.

As the View of your preſent aſſembling is to promote Religion and Piety, ſo we rely upon your not permitting any Steps to be taken (as far as depends on you) but ſuch as may tend to produce that deſirable Effect. And ſo we bid you heartily Farewell.

Given at our Court at St. James's, the 12th Day of April 1751, in the 24th Year of our Reign.

By his Majeſty's Command,
HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

IRELAND.

Dublin, May 11. Laſt Tueſday the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor acquainted the Merchants and Bankers that he had received Directions from their Excellencies the Lord Juſtices, to inform them, that their Excellencies had no Intention to make any Alteration in the Value of the Spaniſh Gold, now current by Proclamation. This Declaration, ſo authentic, has put an entire ſtop to ſome Rumours which had been unaccountably ſpread among the lower People.

Yeſterday Alderman Hornby was elected Lord-Mayor of this City for the Year enſuing, in the room of Alderman Dunne, who hath declined ſerving that Office.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Leghorn, April 27. *O. S.* The Captain of an Engliſh Ship lately arrived from Cadiz, ſays, that juſt as he left the Place the Governor had received Orders to lay an Embargo on all the Engliſh ſhips in that Port and Bay; and that it was reported, that ſome Troops were to be embarked there, with a proper ſupply of Ammunition, in order to be employed in ſome Expedition, which was kept very ſecret. It is however pretended, that this Embarkation is intended for the Coaſt of Africa. We have continual Rains here, which do great Damage to the Country, inſomuch that the Corn firſt ſow'd being deſtroyed, we have not been able to ſow a ſecond Time.

Ratisbon, May 9. *O. S.* The Miniſters in the College of Princes and thoſe of the Imperial Cities have given their Suffrages in the Affair of the Guaranty of the Treaty of Dreſden. In the mean Time the Houſe of Saxony has renewed on this Occaſion its ſolemn Proteſts for reſerving its Claims to the Dutchies of Juliers, Bergues and Cleves: The Houſe of Brunſwick has done the ſame in regard to Eaſt Friezland, and ſo has the Houſe of Anhalt with Reſpect to the Dutchy of Saxe Lawenbourg.

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WHICH ſmelled to, inſtantly relieves Perſons in the moſt diſmal fainting or ſwooning Fits, and in a Moment removes Faultings, Vapours, Dizzineſs, Head achs, Megrims, &c. it takes off all heavy Sleepineſs, retards Swooning, keeps up the Spirits to a Miracle, and not only prevents Fainting, but invigorates and enlivens the whole Man, recreates, and makes chearful, altho never ſo bad, and in a Moment raiſes all the ſenſitive Faculties.

It is alſo to be taken inwardly by Drops, which effectually takes off and eradicates the very Cauſe; for it potently reſtores, comforts and ſtrengthens the Brain, creates and corroborates the Stomach, removes Sickneſs from it helps Digeſtion, clears the Blood; and in a Word, is the greateſt Cephalic, Stomachic, and powerful Aromatic poſſible.

And many Gentlemen and Ladies, by perfuming their Handkerchiefs with a few of theſe Drops, find it of ſingular Service in all the Caſes above mentioned: they uſe it after this Manner, purely becauſe it gives a moſt fragrant and delicious Odour, that inſtantly both delights and relieve the ſenſes, not only better than any thing of a muſky Kind, which is really hurtful to moſt Conſtutions, but it takes off what ſuch Things occaſion: It alſo relieves the Head and Brain from any ill effects of common Snuff; and inſtantly prevents the bad Conſequences of any ſudden, nauſeous offenſive Smell; and is therefore extremely neceſſary for all Gentlemen and Ladies, always to carry in their Pockets.

The True Cordial QUINTESSENCE *of* VIPERS *the moſt Noble and Grand Preparation in the whole Materia Medica, for the real, ſubſtantial Cure of* Impotency *in Men, and* Barrenneſs *in Women; and is vaſtly preferable to* Viper Wine, *or any other Preparation of Vipers whatever, as being replete with the full and whole Virtues of them.*

A FEW Drops of it only, gives ſuch a generous Warmth, and exceedingly delights the Vital and Animal Spirits, Fibres, and Nerves, as ſoon to ſhew what it will do, upon a little Continuance of it; for it not only promotes, and prompts to a Deſire, but alſo furniſhes proper Matter, for the Support and Eſtabliſhment of true laſting Inclination and Power.

By this Means it anſwers the End as well of Food as Phyſick, nor is there any thing in Nature beſides, that can in the leaſt come up to it conſidering that it univerſally nouriſhes and refreſhes in all the Declenſions of Deſire and Vigour, without the leaſt Strain to the Veſſels, or ſtimulating the Parts, as moſt other Medications for theſe Purpoſes do: And tho' it be a Maxim in Phyſick, that CERERE & BACCHO FRIGET VENUS, this, in itſelf, is ſo eſſentially nutritious as to want no Aſſiſtance that Way; nor but it may be allowed, that good Eating and Drinking with it, contribute in ſome Degree, at leaſt as an Auxiliary contribute to its Efficacy.

Nor does it only furniſh Matter and create Deſire, but allays Power (as it braces up and corroborates the Teſtes) and gives a cleſtick Springineſs to the Muſculi Erectores Penis in Men, corrects, cleanſes, and comforts the Uterus, or Womb in Women, the Lankneſs and Laxity of the former, and the Foulneſs, Coldneſs or Obſtruction of the latter, being more the Cauſe of Impotency, Infertility, in the one Sex, and Indifference or Sterility in the other than any Thing elſe beſide; and that it is Balſamick, and greatly Reſtorative, is confirmed by long Experience, and we have many Inſtances in Phyſical Writings, of Perſons arriving to a miraculous old Age, as well as recover'd from deplorable Decays and Weakneſſes, by a continued Uſe of the common Preparations of Vipers, which this Quinteſſence, by being of vaſtly more Efficacy, brings about in a Quarter of the Time, and with the Tenth Part of the Quantity.

Thoſe who but once try it, will ſo pleaſantly experience its nutritive quickening Properties, in exhilerating the Heart, reviving the Spirits, comforting the Vitals, circulating the Juices, and reſtorating and renovating, as it were the whole Man, that they will never be without it; for it is ſuch a preſent Help, in Time of Need, as that on the taking then but a Doſe or two more or leſs than ordinary, it will ſo inſtantaneouſly animate the dull inactive Spirits, and rouſe up, and actuate the ſluggiſh enfeebled Powers in both Sexes, as to excite and capacitate where it could barely be expected, and at the ſame Time ſeldom fails to render that compleat Intercourſe Prolifick, Price Half a Guinea the Bottle.

Mr. Weſt, Goldſmith, who us'd to ſell theſe Bottles, being lately dead, it is now Sold only by his Son-in-Law, Mr. Joſiah Baker, at the Seven Stars in Vere-Street, Clare-Market, ſealed up with Directions (for any Meſſenger) upon asking for only a Bottle of Quinteſſence.

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